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SUBJECT: CHANGES ORDERED IN ZAIRIAN VISA AND TRAVEL REGULATIONS

1. ACCORDING TO JANUARY 24 AZAP, GOVT-SPONSORED NEWS
AGENCY, PRESIDENT MOBUTU HAS OFFICIALLY APPROVED FOLLOWING
RESTRICTIONS:
A. VISAS: ZAIRIAN EMBASSIES AND CONSULATES ARE NOW
AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE VISAS WITHIN 48 HOURS OF PRESENTATION
OF VALID PASSPORT AND CURRENT VACCINATION RECORD. AIRPORT
VISAS WILL BE ISSUED TO RESIDENTS OF COUNTRIES WHERE
ZAIRE MAINTAINS NO DIPLOMATIC PRESENCE. VISAS CAN ALSO
BE OBTAINED AT IMMIGRATION POINTS IN PARTICULAR CASES,
I.E. CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, ETC.
B. ENTRY AND EXIT: TOURIST ENTRY AND EXIT FROM ZAIRE
CAN BE MADE ACROSS ANY BORDERS.
C. CURRENCY RESTRICTIONS: REQUIREMENT TO SPEND
THE EQUIVALENT OF US$40 PER DAY ABOLISHED.
D. HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: CHOLERA AND CERTAIN OTHER
"ENDEMIC DISEASE" VACCINATIONS WILLONLY BE REQUIRED FOR
TOURISTS COMING FROM "INFECTED" COUNTRIES. INTERNATIONAL
VISITORS WILL UNDERGO ROUTINE HEALTH AND VACCINATION
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REQUIRED.

2. COMMENT: THE ABOVE MEASURES, IF FULLY IMPLEMENTED,
WILL SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE THE PROBLEMS FACING TRAVELERS
TO ZAIRE.
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